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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 844
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ernest B. Lovell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ernest B. Lovell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovell was an exemplary person and citizen who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a true gentleman, Ernest Lovell, throughout his life, carried himself with an innate dignity and cheerfulness, treating everyone, regardless of their station in life, with kindness and respect; he was truly beloved and appreciated by all who were privileged to know him; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maury County, he was the son of the late Ernest B. and Ethel Matthews Lovell; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar and athlete, Ernest B. Lovell graduated from Central High School in 1936, where he served as Captain of the football team; he attended Cumberland University and Vanderbilt University; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lovell retired from the Union Carbide Plant in 1979, where he had been the third man hired during the plant's construction in 1939; during his forty years of service, he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for his dedication, integrity, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, after his much-deserved retirement, Ernest Lovell cherished the joy of being a farmer and meticulously and lovingly cared for his cattle and land; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, he was a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club and a former Chairman of the United Givers Fund and the March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, Ernest B. Lovell generously served as a Scoutmaster for many years and was a recipient of the Long Rifle Award; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Lovell astutely served as President of the Graymere Country Club in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Lovell was a faithful member of the Garden Street Presbyterian Church for many years; at the time of his death, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he served as President-Elect of the Ayers-Whitney Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ernest B. Lovell will be sorely missed by loving family members and friends, including his wife of sixty-two years, Pauline (Polly) Park; his brother, Bill Lovell; his daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and David Hall and Phyllis and Bruce Maley; his son and daughter-in-law, Judge George Lovell and Liz Lovell; and his eight grandchildren, Carson Hall, Matt Hall, Chris and LeAnn Maley, Melissa and Andy Zinn, Amanda Hall, Elizabeth Lovell, John Lovell, and Logan Lovell; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Lovell was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold Lovell and Phil Lovell; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Lovell has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a loving father and husband and a kind neighbor and friend, his life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ernest B. Lovell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to his family and community, the courage and cheerful dignity with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ernest B. Lovell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.